DODGE COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING January 4, 2013

Call to order: Meeting was called to order by Chair, MaryAnn Miller, at 8:00 a.m.; a quorum was established with the following members present:

MaryAnn Miller James Layman Darrell Pollesch Ernest Borchardt Aaron David

Also Present: James Mielke, Dodge County Administrator; Russell Kottke, Dodge County Board Chairman; John Storck, Circuit Court Judge; Lynn Hron, Clerk of Courts; Bernadette Mueller, Child Support Director; Bob Barrington, District Attorney Managing Attorney; Patrick Schoebel, Medical Examiner; Todd Nehls, Dodge County Sheriff; Peter Navis, Assistant Corporation Counsel; Lynn Steger, Register in Probate.

Miller certifies compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

Approval of Agenda and Allow for Deviation: Motion made by David to approve Agenda and to allow for deviation; second by Borchardt. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Pollesch to approve Minutes of December 7, 2012; second by Borchardt. Motion carried.

Communications: None.

Committee Member Reports: None.

Circuit Court/Judge's Report: Judge Storck recaps for the Committee that the Courts have purchased new courtroom chairs for Branches 1 thru 4 in 2012; now he is requesting new chairs for the Branch 5 courtroom. The cost of the chairs would be \$1,094.00. Judge informs that the company stands by their lifetime warranty in that the arms of one of the chairs purchased in 2012 were damaged and the company sent an entire new chair. The Branch 5 chairs have been budgeted for in the 2013 budget. Judge is asking for approval to purchase the chairs. Motion by Layman to purchase chairs for the Branch 5 courtroom at a cost of \$1,094.00; second by David. Motion carried. Judge informs that today the Branch 2 courtroom is being moved to the Jury Assembly Room for the next several weeks because the new sound systems are being installed in Branches 2, 3, and 5. SKC has been contracted to do the sound upgrades. The Courts will have to move around during this time. Judge Storck updates the Committee on the Security Committee and advises that there is a Security Committee meeting today at 9:00 a.m. There are a number of issues to be taken care of such as more panic buttons for the courthouse and a

review of policies. Judge Storck reports on the Coordinating Counsel meeting held recently. He states that they had a presentation on disability issues through Human Services. The presentation was given by Sara Mills and Amy Beranek from the Aging and Disability Resource Center. Those in attendance learned that they can refer individuals to ADRC and they learned the difference between social security and SSI. Sheriff Nehls notes if there is someone in the Jail who is getting social security, the Jail can submit a form and can get \$100.00.

Child Support Report: Bernie Mueller has nothing to report.

Clerk of Courts Report: Lynn Hron has nothing to report but updates the Committee on the security issues mentioned last month. Hron advises that they continue to get letters from an inmate. The Clerk of Court's office does not open those letters and instead gets them to the Sheriff's Department. Hron states that they have changed the way that they open mail; they now open mail in a secure room and the clerks wear protective gloves and have masks available to them.

District Attorney Report: Bob Barrington reports that the DA's office has hired a new Victim Witness Coordinator. Her name is Cayla Her and she comes very qualified with a Masters in Human Services, a specialty in social and community services, and she is a certified victim witness coordinator, just to name a few of her qualifications. Barrington indicates that Amanda Anhalt's last day is today.

Medical Examiner Report: P.J. Schoebel presents his preliminary quarterly report for the end of the year. He notes that the ME's office has been extremely busy in December. Schoebel indicates that his new deputies are doing well. Regarding training in New York, Schoebel states that he has sent three deputies so far and he has also applied for the training and although at one point he thought he was accepted, that was a mistake and he really was not accepted and will need to re-apply. He continues to encourage his new deputies to apply. Regarding his report, Schoebel states that the numbers do not include the cremations.

Sheriff's Department Report: Assistant Corporation Counsel Peter Navis presents the Ordinance amending Chapter 9 and Chapter 30 of the Code of Ordinances, Dodge County, for consideration. The Committee received a copy of this Ordinance last month for their review. Motion by David to approve the Ordinance amending Chapter 9 and Chapter 30 of the Code of Ordinances, Dodge County; second by Borchardt. Discussion by the Committee. Motion carried. Sheriff Nehls presents a Resolution for the purchase of a radio console in the Jail in the amount of \$29,402.77. He informs that the old console is no longer supported by the manufacturer and the money to pay for it is in the Jail Assessment Fund. Motion by Borchardt to approve the Resolution for the purchase of a radio console in the Jail; second by Layman. Motion carried. The Sheriff passes out an invitation to the Awards Banquet being held on January 18th. He makes note of the fact that the Dodge County Sheriff's Department Posse is getting the President's Award. Sheriff Nehls briefs the Committee on the roof collapse at the Fox Lake storage facility. He indicates that he has received two bids; one for \$27,000+ and one for \$25,000; both of which would need to go to the Finance Committee and then to the County Board. Therefore, they are going to request a contingent appropriation from the Finance

Committee because of the dire emergency to repair the roof. The Sheriff states that concerning personnel, they are doing well.

Sheriff Nehls apprises the Committee as to the history of compensation for elected officials, specifically the Dodge County Sheriff position. He notes that the compensation for the Sheriff position in Dodge County has not seen an increase for eight of the past twelve years and that now Dodge County has determined that a portion of the health insurance and pension will taken out of that compensation. Nehls informs that his compensation is behind many of the other Wisconsin County Sheriffs. Nehls informs the Committee that he has sent to Madison for his retirement package and depending on the outcome of an Eau Claire County decision and the determination of Dodge County, that he is likely to proceed with the retirement process. Nehls indicates that if monies are taken out for his pension and health insurance that he will initiate a cease and desist order. Nehls also questions why the wage study for elected officials has not been released; Hron notes that all elected officials have made the same request. James Mielke states that the JDQ's prepared by the elected officials were provided to Carlson Dettman to be utilized as a foundation for setting up the upcoming compensation packages. Aaron David states that he believes those wage studies should be provided to the elected officials. Nehls reiterates his frustration over the current compensation and the future proposals.

Next Meeting: Friday, February 1, 2013, at 8:00 a.m. at the Dodge County Justice Facility.

Adjournment: Motion by David to adjourn meeting; second by Layman. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 a.m.

Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting.

Aaron David, Secretary

Lynn M. Steger, Recording Secretary